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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of July 14, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

independent claim 1 is amended to replace "f" with --of-- as required by the Examiner, and to specify that the document contains both the document content and the first coded data, that the detector detects the first coded data to access a digital version of the document and that the printer prints the digital version of the scanned document incorporating portions of the document content scanned by the scanner but not contained in the digital version. Support for this amendment can be found at page 21, lines 4-19 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-8 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment of claim 1 to replace "f" with --of--, provides the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 102(e) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-5, 7 and 8 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Mori (US 6,137,590), for at least the following reasons.

In the present invention, as recited in amended independent claim 1, the copier is able to detect markings on a netpage which are not part of the archived digital version of the netpage, such that upon copying the scanned netpage, those markings can be reproduced together with the archived markings and coded data in order to produce a true copy of the netpage (see page 20, line 15-page 21, line 19 of the present specification).

On the other hand, Mori merely discloses several embodiments of an image forming apparatus in which an identification code on a page is scanned so that data associated with that identification code stored on the computer can be printed onto a recording medium with or without the identification code (see col. 3, line 17-col. 4, line 39 of Mori).

Mori does not disclose, nor suggests, to scan the entire page in order to detect whether content other than the stored data is present on the page, and therefore a true copy of the page is not printed by the system of Mori, as is required by amended independent claim 1.

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-8 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed, or suggested, by Mori.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of dependent claim 6 is taught or suggested by Mori in view of Dymetman et al. (US 6,330,976), because Dymetman merely discloses using a marking medium to capture user interactions (see abstract of Dymetman), and therefore does not make up for the above-discussed deficiencies in Mori.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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